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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 4
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1. The first running of the Defense Atomic Support Agency's (DASA) new one-week National Nuclear Weapons Capabilities and Design Course is scheduled to begin on 8 February. The Agency 25X1A9a received a quota allocation of seven spaces. They will be filled as follows: OSI (3); IAS (1); OBGI (1); OSR (1); and CRS (1). [REDACTED]

25X1A9a [REDACTED] Nuclear Energy Division, OSI, discussed with AIR his growing concern regarding attendance at this particular course. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a feels that Agency officers are not fully aware of what the course content really involves and that some of the nominees do not have a valid "need to know." The coverage is of a highly sensitive nature, particularly in the field of weapons design. As a result of this meeting, we requested two additional spaces which DASA granted willingly; [REDACTED] 25X1A9a 25X1A9a [REDACTED] himself will attend, also [REDACTED] NED/OSI. They 25X1A9a will critique the course so we can judge future participation by Agency employees. This matter has been discussed with Dr. Chamberlain, Director, OSI, and OSI will assist OTR in screening all future applicants for this training program.

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4. [REDACTED] SIWA, has been enrolled in "Population Problems," to be conducted by FSI, 1 - 5 February 1971.

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5. Mr. [REDACTED] OC, has requested OTR to enroll him in the Control Data Corporation's course, Microfilm Information Systems. This is the same course that

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NPIC has submitted two requests for the CDC Microfilm Course and two for Developing Effective Microfilm Information Systems, Advanced Management Research Company. AIR informed NPIC of the "in-house" course, and although there is a full enrollment for the first running, it will be given again in May or June and we suggested holding these requests until then. NPIC training is checking and will let us know.

6. At the request of [REDACTED] we prepared a report showing all external training taken by the members of his Branch from EOD date through 31 December 1970.

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7. We received from OCS Training the names of 20 Agency employees selected to attend the three-week "in-house" Systems Analysis Course, to be given by the [REDACTED] 1 - 19 February 1971. Tuition costs (\$525 each) will be pro rated to sponsoring components. Contracting details were handled by ISS through OL.

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8. This week copies of two of the Agency Training Record computer listings, just received from OCS, were distributed. One copy of each was sent to the Senior Training Officers, and a second copy of each went to the Component Training Officers.

9. [REDACTED] a Career Trainee assigned to ISS/AIR for a month, compiled a revised edition of the "ADP Training Programs" volume. It now contains information on over 400 ADP courses in the

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local area and a cross-referenced index. The volume, an example of the fine work a CT can accomplish during a short-term assignment, will ready for distribution soon..

10. AIR was able to arrange, through the USDA Graduate School, for an instructor to teach the Basic Writing Workshop, scheduled 16 March - 8 April for which SIWA has no instructor.

11. Usually people seeking counseling from AIR are parents who want advice on college selection for their dependents, but during this week several young employees, who want to start, or go back to college full time, came for guidance. These prospective students presented problems which necessitated coordination with Training Officers, Personnel Officers, and the Office of Medical Services. The Counselor does not make external or internal contacts but suggests these to the counselee and requests a feedback.

12. Administrative briefings were given to:

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b. [REDACTED] OC, who will attend George Washington University during the Spring and Fall semesters of 1971

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(during the intervening period he will return to duty with the Agency). Mr. [REDACTED] is enrolled in a program of

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advanced graduate study in electrical engineering. Because

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Mr. [REDACTED] took part-time academic training at the University

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13. An updated distribution list of all Training Officers, based on a questionnaire circulated in December by AIR/ISS, is now being used to mail OTR publications.

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14. Reference Weekly Report 22 January, Mr. [REDACTED] OCI, has submitted another proposed case study and travel itinerary in connection with his attendance at the Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy. Mr. [REDACTED] proposes a classified paper on the consequences of the growing Soviet Naval presence in the Indian Ocean. Ambassador Elbert Matthews, Program Coordinator, has approved. Mr. Lehman, Director, OCI, told Mr. [REDACTED] to go ahead and plan an itinerary.

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on the topic are in process and a memorandum to DDP/TRO requesting CS permission for the trip is being drafted.

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15. On Monday, 25 January [REDACTED] attended a luncheon meeting of the National Society for Programmed Instruction (NSPI). Dr. Gabriel Ofiesh was the speaker. For several years he has been saying that NSPI is too limited in its approach -- that the organization should be involved in providing materials for individualized instruction in the schools; to be used with performance contracting where private companies agree to increase a student's knowledge to an agreed upon level or the company doesn't get paid; and to be used in schools being conducted by parents who don't want to leave their children in the public schools. He thinks the organization is too interested in research on items of little interest or value. He believes that programmed instruction is thought of too often as just another tool which can be used by a teacher -- he thinks it is the basic model of the learning process. The word is not programmed instruction anymore; it is educational technology, which he defines as the application of scientific knowledge to the solution of problems in education. Dr. Ofiesh feels that the Schools of Education are not relevant to what is going on. That is one reason for his decision to leave his position as Director, Center for Educational Technology, Catholic University, to establish a new Department of Educational Technology in the College of Continuing Education at American University in the fall of 1971. He hopes that in the College of Continuing Education he will be able to carry out more of his ideas which do not fit in with the established patterns of academic instruction and requirements.

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25X1A9a that the Federal Systems Division of IBM at Gaithersburg can
25X1A demonstrate the use of videotape and films controlled by a computer
in connection with Computer-Assisted Instruction and they think it
would be worthwhile for us to see this. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a will be in touch
with [REDACTED] regarding arrangements to see the demonstration. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IBM's representative to the Agency from the Data Processing
Division, will be consulted.

16. The long awaited MacKenzie MD-1 dissolve unit for 35mm
slides arrived and will be purchased. The primary user is [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] SIWA.

17. Modifications to the P.A. systems in 1 A 07 and 801 to
pick up student questions and provide better total sound systems were
estimated by contractors to cost over \$8,000 for each classroom.
We ain't gonna have it done.

18. Negotiations are being carried out by AAB with the phone
company for amplification of training telephones at Clerical Training.

25X1A6a 19. AAB will install P.A. systems in the SUS classrooms at
[REDACTED] and revamp the 501 and 701 Glebe classrooms on successive
Saturdays sometime this month. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 20. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to run a
25X1A6a projectionists course for [REDACTED] operators on 26 January. Sam did so.

25X1A9a 21. [REDACTED] responded to a crash
25X1A6a requirement from Commo. They took most of two days making the
film at [REDACTED] and a local commercial firm.

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